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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of John A.  
4 Killam of Jacksonville, who passed away on August 24, 2015; and

5           WHEREAS, John Killam was born in rural Morgan County on  
6 October 19, 1923 to John S. and Pearl Bowlds Killam; he married  
7 Helen L. Cox on December 14, 1947 at the Lynnville Christian  
8 Church; and

9           WHEREAS, John Killam farmed and raised livestock west of  
10 Jacksonville for many years; he served as a Morgan County  
11 Commissioner for 16 years from December of 1986 to December of  
12 2002; he was active as a lobbyist for agricultural interests  
13 and received many awards for his work in the advancement of the  
14 livestock industry in Illinois; he worked with the Illinois  
15 Beef Association for over 20 years, retiring in 1989; under his  
16 leadership, the first Illinois State Beef Checkoff was  
17 established in 1983; and

18           WHEREAS, John Killam was a fan of automobile racing and  
19 enjoyed antique tractors and steam power; and

20           WHEREAS, John Killam was preceded in death by his 2 sons,  
21 John Paul Killam and James Killam; his sister, Irene Killam

1 McCollough; his infant sister, Mary Catherine; and his infant  
2 half-sister; and

3 WHEREAS, John Killam is survived by his wife, Helen; his 2  
4 children, Rob Killam and Lenore Killam; his grandson, John Paul  
5 Killam; and his 2 sisters, Angela Guthrie and Ruth (Larry)  
6 Martinez; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 mourn the passing of John A. Killam, and extend our sincere  
10 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
11 him; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of John Killam as an expression of our  
14 deepest sympathy.